Christian Mission on World Order

Opening Meeting

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

October 28, 1943

8:15 p.m.

by the invitation of

The Right Reverend William T. Manning, D.D., D.C.L., LL.D.
Bishop of New York

Under the Auspices of

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Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
Foreign Missions Conference of North America
Home Missions Council of North America
International Council of Religious Education
Missionary Education Movement
United Council of Church Women

Order of Service

¶ *As the Cross enters the Cathedral all will stand.*

PROCESSION

The Cross
Choirs
A Banner
Army and Navy Chaplains
The Clergy
A Cross
Dr. Carpenter and the Rev. Mr. Bennett
Dr. Searle and Dr. Cavert
Dr. MacRury and the Rev. Mr. Darsie
Dr. Sizoo and Mr. Dulles
Mr. Welles and Senator Ball
Archbishop Athenagoras
Bishop Gilbert
Bishop Manning and Bishop Tucker

Flags of the Nations
National Groups
Delegation of the Young People of New York

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM . . . . . *National Anthem*

O thus be it ever, when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heavn's rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust!"
And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

¶ *The congregation will remain standing for the Invocation.*

INVOCATION . . . . . *Bishop Manning*

¶ *After the Invocation the Congregation will be seated.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON . *From the Prophesy of Isaiah, and the Gospel of St. Matthew*
read by the Reverend Joseph R. Sizoo, S.T.D.

¶ *The congregation will stand for the Hymn and the Prayers following.*

HYMN . . . . . *St. Anne*

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
And our eternal home;
Our shelter from the stormy blast

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our Guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

PRAYER . . . . . *Bishop Tucker*

THE LORD'S PRAYER . . . . *said by Bishop Tucker and the congregation*

¶ *Following the Lord's Prayer the congregation will be seated.*

INTRODUCTION . . . . . *Bishop Tucker*

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Chairman of the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace

SUMNER WELLES, Former Under Secretary of State

JOSEPH H. BALL, United States Senator from Minnesota

¶ *The congregation will stand for the closing part of the Service.*

PROCESSION OF FLAGS TO THE ALTAR

ANTHEM . . . . . *Handel*

Hallelujah; for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord
and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah.

BENEDICTION OF THE FLAGS AND THE PEOPLE . . *Archbishop Athenagoras*

BLESSING . . . . . *Bishop Manning*

NOTE: The Offering will be received at the doors of the Cathedral. This Offering will be a contribution toward the cause of promoting the Christian Mission on World Order.

Six Pillars of Peace

I. The peace must provide the political framework for a continuing collaboration of the United Nations and, in due course, of neutral and enemy nations.

II. The peace must make provision for bringing within the scope of international agreement those economic and financial acts of national governments which have widespread international repercussions.

III. The peace must make provision for an organization to adapt the treaty structure of the world to changing underlying conditions.

IV. The peace must proclaim the goal of autonomy for subject peoples, and it must establish international organization to assure and to supervise the realization of that end.

V. The peace must establish procedures for controlling military establishments everywhere.

VI. The peace must establish in principle, and seek to achieve in practice, the right of individuals everywhere to religious and intellectual liberty.

Prayer for a Christian World

Almighty God, before whose glorious majesty the generations come and go, and yet in whose heart no generation passes away, we bow in thy presence with reverent gratitude for the faith by which we come to thee. In these dark and perplexing days, thou art our light and our salvation. Thou hast shown us the path of life. Thy Word has become flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth. In the power of this faith grant that we may be lifted out of our shadows into thy light, out of our perplexities into thy truth, out of our weariness into thy strength, out of our troubles into thy peace.

We come with penitence in our hearts. Too often thy ways have not been our ways. We have sinned against our fellow men. We have sinned against our fellow nations. We have allowed the forces of selfishness, of greed, of national pride, of racial prejudice, of distrust, and of hatred to sway our thought and guide our purpose. Forgive us; and cleanse us of this unrighteousness.

Go with us, we beseech thee, into these coming days. Grant that the present bitter warfare may be happily shortened; that the people of this land may have enlarging visions of world responsibility; that our leaders may be given wisdom and strength commensurate with their tasks; that when the struggle is over, the deep wounds of war may be bound up, the suffering assuaged, and the world find its way speedily into the renewing of peace and good will. In all that we undertake may we remember our Master who gave us the new commandment of love; and be sustained by the knowledge that thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and thy truth endureth unto all generations.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.